

WHAT IS CLAIMED IS:

1. A method of treating atherosclerosis in a mammal comprising administering to a mammal in need of such treatment: i) a progestational agent that has a minimal effect on the sex organs of said mammal or ii) a non-steroidal compound that inhibits macrophages or macrophage function, wherein said agent or said compound is administered in an amount sufficient to effect said treatment.
2. The method according to claim 1 wherein said progestational agent is administered and said agent has less of an effect than medroxyprogesterone acetate on said sex organs.
3. The method according to claim 1 wherein said non-steroidal compound is administered.
4. The method according to claim 3 wherein said non-steroidal compound inhibits macrophage Fc receptors.
5. The method according to claim 1 wherein 17-hydroxyprogesterone is administered.
6. The method according to claim 1 wherein said non-steroidal compound is administered and said non-steroidal compound is a benzazepine or a butyrophenone.

7. The method according to claim 6 wherein
SCH-23390 or haloperidol is administered.

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